GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

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JUDGES PARTICIPATED IN STRIKE
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Supreme Court took action against 12 judges who participated in the Punjab and Haryana strike;

(b) if so, the total number of judges that have been shifted or transferred;

(c) the number of judges that have been found guilty of corruption;

(d) whether the Supreme Court has suggested a changes in laws for removing those corrupt judges whose number is increasing; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to amend the law for removing of such judges?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K, VENKATAPATHY)

(a) & (b) The Supreme Court of India has informed that there was no strike by any Judge in the Punjab & Haryana High Court and the question of the Supreme Court taking any action on such ground does not arise.

(c) The Chief Justice of India and the Chief Justice of a High Court have the competence to receive complaints against the conduct of the Judge of his Court and when he receives any, he would look into it whether the allegations deserve to be closely looked into. As such, Government do not maintain any statistics in regard to the Judges who have been found guilty of corruption.

(d) The Supreme Court has been consulted in the matter and they have given to understand that it is not right to say that the number of corrupt Judges is increasing. The Supreme Court has not suggested any change in the laws.